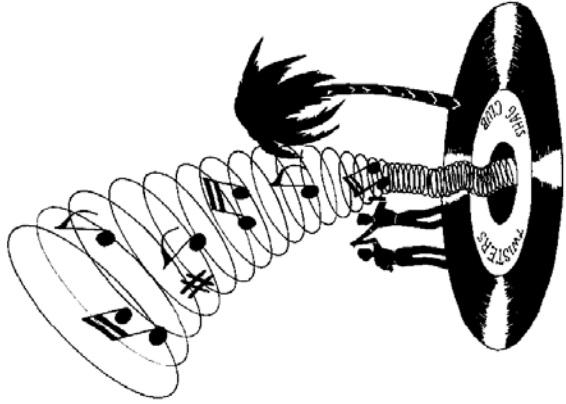


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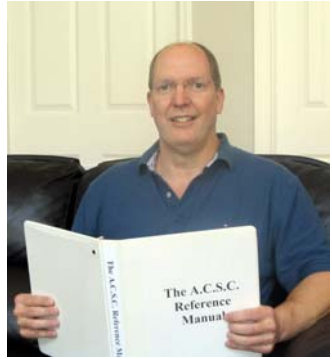
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The President's Letter

Greetings fellow TSC Members!

The new club year is starting, and this will be my last note to you as President. It's been over 20 years since I last served as an officer of this club and a lot has changed.



In 1991 we didn't have the Internet. As crazy as that seems now, we had to do a lot of stuff differently back then because we didn't have that form of communication and information sharing. We all depended on the mail and on word-of-mouth to get news about upcoming shag parties. Shaggers who didn't know someone who knew what was going on or weren't seeing their club's mail missed out on a lot of fun events. Fortunately for TSC members, that was not an issue. We have always provided lots of information through various forms of communication. It starts with our newsletter. We also use the phone-calling machine every month. We also a web site and a Facebook page, and we send out regular emails. So if you don't know what is going on, it is your own fault.

Our events and our parties were different back then, too. We were a newer club struggling against outside forces determined that we would fail. We had a small Treasury. And our annual party was not yet well known (or practically famous). The one thing we did have and continue to have is great members. We have always had a group that was more involved, more energetic, and more interested in having fun. Sure, we work hard from time to time. But we play hard, too. The Fun Bunch spirit has spread and inspired others and other clubs. That's good for all of us in the shag community.

I could spend a lot of time telling you about our many accomplishments over the years. The list is very long and impressive. But to some, that doesn't matter. It's all about "now" and all about the future. That's fine, too. Because I am convinced that we will be just as innovative and successful moving ahead.

Our Club has always found a way to do things better, more efficiently, more effectively... all while having more fun. It's just who we are. It takes a little more effort and a little more cohesiveness sometimes. But that just makes it all more rewarding. I am really honored to be part of such a great group.

I'd like to thank all of the members who have served on the Board these past two years. They have been vital to all we have done. I'd like to thank the committee chairs, too. You have kept us moving. I would also like to thank YOU. Without your help and your support, we would never be in such a great position today.

As we start the new year we have new officers. We also have some volunteers who have already stepped up to volunteer to help out. (How great is that?) Scott Fletcher has offered to take over the Sgt-At-Arms position that Tommy Laws has been doing. (Thanks, Tommy.) Hope Wray has offered to Co-Chair the Social Committee. (Thanks Kathy Thompson for your efforts last year.)

Willing to Co-Chair Social with Hope? Please let us know ASAP!

It's the time of year to make a couple of other changes, too. Richard and Diane Harrington have done a great job for several years handling our Sunshine Committee. They have been mailing out club birthday cards and letting us know about issues affecting our fellow members (health problems, family deaths, etc.). If you are willing to take over this duty, please let us know ASAP.

Finally, Wilma Laws has been doing a great job introducing us to our new members in the newsletter for several years. Wilma gives new members a form to fill out about themselves, and sends in the results she gets back to the newsletter for everyone to read. Please let us know if you are willing to help with this. It's a great way to get to know some of your fellow members.

Thanks in advance to everyone who steps into these positions.

It's been five months since we have had a regular place to dance. But our new club year brings and end to that drought, too.

Beginning on the 7th the Finish Line Lounge will be hosting a shag night every Friday. The facility has been working hard to make our shag nights a lot of fun, and it shows. We had well over 100 people at our first two events, there. We had nearly that many for our Valentines Day Party despite all the snow and bad weather.

As we move ahead, I see even bigger and better crowds. We've tweaked some things each time we have been there to make it better. I believe the setup is pretty close to where it works best, now. And the new Singles Table appears to be a big hit. So invite a friend and lets fill the place up. Call some of your shagging pals you haven't seen in a while. Maybe some haven't been out dancing lately. (Maybe they aren't even involved in shagging any more.) But think how much fun it would be to get some of our old friends to come out to our new place! Current members, past members, members of other clubs and those who have never joined a club are all welcome. The bigger the party the more fun we will all have.

Plan to come early and stay late. A large majority of attendees have been eating. The food is great. Our shag nights don't officially start until 7pm. And music starts no later than 8pm. But you can get there sooner if you want to. They are open all day. And if Kathy Thompson, Ken Kreamer, Scott Fletcher, Barry Wray or some others have their way, you might even find yourself in the middle of a midnight bowling "dare" game after shagging stops. ☺

Speaking of bowling, our annual bowling outing will be on Sunday, March 23rd at 3pm. Don't be late. Some of you may not have bowled since high school. That doesn't matter. We want you to participate. We usually have about 30 who actually bowl, and even more who come to watch, take pictures or just cheer on their friends. Mark your calendar now. It will be fun. We'll probably gather in the lounge to eat, afterwards. So join us for that, too.

SOS is almost here. I mentioned at the last meeting that rooms may be drying up. North Myrtle Beach will be hosting the seventh annual International Quidditch Association's World Cup on the first weekend of SOS. The City is also opening their new sports complex in a few weeks.

I think there is a major soccer tournament also taking place during SOS week. Plus, due to the major drainage project taking place at the horseshoe, the road is probably going to be torn up in front of the lounges, too. So parking and foot travel could be challenging. Be prepared. You may even find that spending a few bucks on a cab is a good idea.

Speaking of SOS, do you have your 2014 cards yet? If not, see Dean or Kathy at the meeting. You can save \$5 by getting your SOS membership through TSC. We'll have more details about our Club's parties at SOS in the next issue.

I'd like to thank those who responded to requests for newsletter items. A little effort from each member makes our publication so much better and more interesting. It also makes the Editor's job a lot easier. So keep it up. And if you didn't send something this month, please make a commitment to do it for our April (SOS) issue. Perhaps you even have some SOS memories to share?

That's about it from me. Again, I want to thank those of you who support the club, have fun with friends, and help keep shag alive. I look forward to more fun times in 2014 with all of you. I hope you will make it part of your schedule to come out and have some fun with your friends and help TSC have a bigger, better year.

Have a great month, and Shag-4-Fun!

Mike

Club Meeting Night

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at Fat Boys in Mooresville. Social hour starts at 7pm. The business meeting will start at 8pm. Mike Turbeville won the Treasure Chest in February. Don't miss your chance to win this month.

Bill Millman and Diane Ronan have submitted applications to join The Fun Bunch. Come out and welcome them into TSC.

Don't forget your 2013 TSC membership has expired. Renew now!

Dance Lessons

By Nancy Massengill

By the time you read this, our current set of lessons will have ended. We have invited the students to come to our Shag Night at Victory Lanes on Friday, March 7 to celebrate and have fun with us. Several of them have already been to our shag nights. Come out and check out their skills and welcome them into our “Fun Bunch”.

The next set of lessons will begin on Tuesday, March 11 and will end on April 22. We will also have a one-night line dance class on Tuesday, April 29.

I have had several questions concerning the times of these lessons. They are as follows:

Beginner I – Class starts at 7:30 pm and ends at 8:10 pm

Beginner II – Class starts at 8:20 pm and ends at 9:00 pm

Beginner II+ - Class starts at 9:00 pm and ends at 9:30 pm

The first week of class we ask that students show up 30 minutes early to register. Cost for Beginner I and Beginner II is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members.

Beginner II+ cost is \$50 for non-members and \$45 for non-members. The Beginner II+ students actually begin dancing at 8:20 and their class is over at 9:30.

These prices include one buffet dinner to be used on a Tuesday night during lessons. We have the best lessons, the best instructors, and the best prices. So invite your friends and neighbors.

There will be three nights of this set of lessons prior to Spring SOS. So come take a set of lessons and refresh your skills, or learn something new to show off at SOS.

We always need men to be partners in the Beginner I class. So if you can come help, please do.

They Paved Paradise . . .

By Marylee Kreamer

And put up a parking lot, with a pink hotel, a boutique and a swinging hot spot. (*From Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell*)

It's true... you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. I didn't realize how much I enjoyed our Friday nights together at Big Shotz until it was taken away. Thanks so much to Mike for finding a new place for us to dance! I'm really looking forward to making The Finish Line Lounge our new "swinging hot spot".

We've had several parties there already and each was a blast! Every time we've been impressed by how many people have come out. Our first event there, the Holiday Party, caught me by surprise with attendance well beyond what I expected.

Our Valentine's Day Party also filled the joint. I thought Ken and I were arriving early, but we ended up parked in a snowdrift and taking the last couple available seats. As before, the food was good; the service... excellent; the music... all my favorites; and the drinks... well, let's just say that our post-party bowling activity proved to me that shooters are not performance enhancing drugs. Bowling scores notwithstanding, a great time was had by all!

As we're gearing up for those Fridays to begin in March, I'd like to pose a challenge to our members. Though The Finish Line has a nice, big dance floor, lots of seating and plenty of elbowroom, I see a problem. It's the fact that there's lots of seating and plenty of elbowroom. Sometimes being a little bit cozy makes for a better party with more mingling and that "Fun Bunch" feel. So, don't just hang out at your table and party with your table mates, even if your table has the most fun people ☺. I know I can be guilty of not getting around. Let's all make a point to make the rounds and schmooze with all our fellow TSC members and especially with our guests, students, and those just looking to see what it's all about. Let's continue to make our Friday nights warm and welcoming for everyone, whether they're a regular or a newcomer. See you at The Finish Line!

The First Carolina Jr. Shag Club Night

By Peggy Cavin

Vicki Byrum had a plan and with the help of others had the first Carolina Jr. Shag Club event in Mooresville on February 22, 2014 at Fat Boys. The large back room and nice size dance floor were perfect for this type event. There were a lot of kids that came out for a fun night with shag workshops, games, and just good times.

Ashley and Tobitha Stewart started the event off beginning with beginner shag lessons at 4pm. Tyler Byrum and Kalin Ellis instructed the 6 pm class.

I was amazed at the little ones and how quickly they learn. They were not shy, followed instructions well, and didn't mind rotating during the lessons dancing with each other.

Thanks to everyone from Twisters for their help setting up and a special thanks to Hope Wray for manning the door the entire night. Hope had brought her two grandsons with her. Neither one of them wanted anything to do with dancing. But, some of the other little ones approached Cooper and got him on the floor. That was all it took. Cooper was hooked. He did well learning the basic steps and jumped in on all the line dances. He made it look so easy. There are pictures on our web site www.goshapping.com. There are also pictures posted on Facebook.

I hope this will be the start of many more junior shag nights for these amazing kids. If you have young children, or young grandchildren, bring them out and get them involved in our great dance and lifestyle. These youngsters are the future of shag!

**Thought For Today:
A person who can't lead and won't
follow makes an effective roadblock.**

Mid-Winter 2014

By Peggy Cavin

The crowds in the clubs were large, the music was great and TSC had FUN members to share it all. Mike and I arrived a week early to prepare the way for our friends. We scouted out the clubs to make sure they were ready for us. We got plans for the TSC party at Pirate's Cove finalized and made sure Marty had our menu ready. Marty does a wonderful with the food. This year, we had vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sliders, spicy crab pimento cheese and regular pimento cheese. Yummy!

There were late night closings of the clubs and an even later night visits with Dotty while having breakfast at the Plantation House.

The weather was cold, but that didn't stop the Fun Bunch! The "I'm Not Leaving And You Can't Make Me Party" was too much fun. My birthday always falls during Midwinter and this time it was Sunday. A great time to celebrate with everyone. Thanks to Mike, Kathy and George it is one birthday I'll never forget (wink, wink). Members who stayed Sunday night were Bob and Cindy, Stephanie and Dustin, Scott and Cathy, Barry and Hope, and Vicki and Dale. We ended Mid-Winter with a bang! Our condo neighbors Tom and Beverly from Fayetteville and newly permanent neighbors Rusty and Laurie from Rock Hill stopped by to bring birthday wishes, too. The wonderful bartenders at Fat Harold's also helped make my birthday one of the best! Thank you, Shannon, Debbie, and Terry!!

I'm another year older, yet still having fun and looking forward to more of the same during 2014. Fun Bunch, you are the Best!

Remember:

**We will always have some space available
for your article in the next issue!**

Don't Miss Opening Night...

Finish Line Lounge

at

George Pappas' Victory Lanes



Mooreville, NC

Friday Night Shag

March 7, 2014

DJ Jeff Foster

Party @ 7:00 Music @ 8:00

**125 Morlake Drive
Mooreville, NC**

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2014 Membership Renewal Form

Name(s) _____

Do you currently receive the monthly TSC newsletter? _____

Do you currently receive the weekly email message? _____

Do you currently receive the periodic phone messages? _____

If you answered “no” to any of these questions **OR** if your name, address, phone # or email address has changed within the last 12 months, please list the appropriate contact information below:

Are you currently a member or user of “Facebook”? _____ / _____
HIM HER

Name a party or social activity/party that TSC has hosted, or *could* host that you like or you think would be fun for us to try this year:

Put a check beside two or more committees per member.

Put a “C” beside any activity you are willing to Chair.

HIS	HERS	WEB SITE / FACEBOOK COMMITTEE
		I will help with updates, enhancements, links or other items to be included on our site / page.

HIS	HERS	NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
		I will submit articles and other items for use.
		I will help with labels, stamps, and mailing.

HIS	HERS	MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
		I will help dance at special events and do other things to recruit new members to our club.

HIS	HERS	PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE
		I will take photos and submit them in a timely manner for web and/or newsletter use.

HIS	HERS	PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
		I will help plan, create and distribute flyers or other items to promote TSC or club activities and help with Facebook communications, email distributions, and other promotions.

HIS	HERS	DANCE LESSONS COMMITTEE
		I will help sign in students, set up the room, or serve as a partner to others taking lessons.

HIS	HERS	SOCIAL COMMITTEE
		I will help plan, set up, work, & tear down at least two events. <u>Circle Preferences Here:</u> Valentines Day, Bowling, Golf/Cookout, SOS Kickoff, Bus Trip, Frozen Fantasy, New Years.

HIS	HERS	MEET & GREET COMMITTEE
		I will help meet, greet and welcome guests to our weekly dance nights and other events.

HIS	HERS	OTHER - <i>Please list details of anything else you can do to help TSC prosper this year.</i>

To go to the Mid-Winter, Spring or Fall SOS events at the beach you have to be a member of SOS. TSC Members get a \$5 discount if you join SOS or renew your SOS membership through TSC. (You can pay for both memberships at the same time, if you wish.)

Number of SOS Memberships requested at \$30 each: _____

Number of membership renewals requested at \$20 each: _____

“Renewal is also a pledge to actively help promote the prosperity, health, welfare and future of Twister’s Shag Club at all times!”

Happy About Our New Place

By Susan Dahl (One of The Fun Bunch)

I don't have much to write about since I did not go to Mid-Winter and couldn't get out of my road for our Valentines Dance. However, I am so excited about our Friday dances at The Finish Line Lounge. We have a good turnout, so let's keep going.

For once, there is a place fifteen minutes from my home. It also will be closer for Statesville and of course everyone in Mooresville. Cornelius, Huntersville and Kannapolis are not that far, either. The food is good, the drink prices are reasonable, and the ice cream cones in the bowling alley are great. See you on the dance floor, starting March 7.

An Invitation

From Diane Ronan

This day I will marry my best friend,
The one I laugh with, live for and love

Ms. Diane M. Ronan and Mr. Willard (Bill) A. Millman

Request the pleasure of you company

At our Oceanside wedding ceremony and reception

On Saturday, 4-12-2014, 4 pm

On the beach behind the Mar Vista Grande

And afterwards on the level 5 veranda

No gifts, please. Come to share the love, laughter, and dance.

Upcoming Birthdays

Susan Dahl	03/03	Don Zimmerman	03/31
Doris Black	03/04	Janice Bivins	04/06
Richard Harrington	03/04	Bob Rea	04/09
Dianne Harrington	03/08	Rees Brody	04/18
Gene Hunter	03/08	George Lentz	04/20
Mike Turbeville	03/19	Raymond Clark	04/23
Jerome Swann	03/21		

Happy Birthday TSC

By Kathy Thompson

Twister is having another birthday in March! We are only 23 years young starting on 24. We are better known as the Fun Bunch and I am ready to have even more fun than last year. That will be hard to do. I am looking forward to being on the board again as your Treasurer. Mike, Scott, Dean and Nancy did a super job as officers during their tenure. We really appreciate all their hard work and dedication. Going forward I have positive feelings that the new board will do a great job as well. Remember the board can only be as good if you continue to support the club and have fun.

Happy Birthday Twisters!

Some Dates Of Upcoming Shag Events

March 7	Finish Line Lounge Shag Nights start
March 14, 15	ShagAttack At NMB
March 16 or 23	TSC Bowling Outing
March 27-29	Smoky Mountain Boogie
March 28	SOS Kickoff Party
April 4-13	Spring SOS At NMB
April 26	Danville IRS Party
May 30, 31	Southern Comfort
<i>May/June</i>	<i>TSC Golf Outing</i>
June 6, 7	Ashley & Tobitha's Contest At Swillies
June 7	Roanoke 25 th Annual Party
June 14	Jukin' 2 in Salisbury
June 14	Burlington Shag Club Luau
July 11-13	ACSC Summer Workshop
July 16-20	Junior SOS At NMB
<i>July/Aug</i>	<i>TSC's Frozen Fantasy Party</i>
Sept 12-21	Fall SOS At NMB
Oct 10, 11	ShagAttack At NMB
Nov 7-9	Fall Cyclone 24
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

My First SOS Trip To NMB

By Barry Wray

Hope and I survived our first SOS trip to N. Myrtle Beach this year and it was indeed a treat. Upon our arrival Friday evening we quickly checked in, literally threw our things into the room and headed off down stairs to the Spanish Galleon where the Fantastic Shakers were playing. We gathered up with the VP of Twisters Scott Fletcher and his crowd for a warm-up prior to moving on to our next stop at The Pirates Cove. Being our first time to SOS let's say I was really shocked as to how large the crowds were in every establishment. We found our flock of fellow TSC members and the social activities began.

After a couple of hours there we then went to Duck's. It was packed in like sardines. A very short time there lead Hope and me over to Fat Harold's. That's where things went full throttle. There in the left corner of the room was Mr. Bob Rae. I quickly realized that I just thought I was a conditioned man of the solo cup. After multiple ventures of several mixed drinks and fermented liquid barley, it was say about a quarter till 1. Suddenly my wife informed me it was time to go. We found our way (some may construe it as sneaking) out the back door and back to the room. Conscious became unconscious pretty quickly for me, not so much for Elizabeth who had, let's say, some issues.

The next morning lead to a big old greasy breakfast at the Waffle House. By mid-afternoon it was ding-ding-ding... time for round two. Back to The Cove. The posse gathered for some snacks and some beverages complements of Twisters. Once again as the night moved on it was apparent that the closing spot was Fat Harold's. I lost count with the amount of shots that were passed throughout the evening. But I remember those fries Bob had were the best that I have ever eaten. The grilled cheese sandwich was better than a T-Bone steak. Bob was quick to call me out for exiting the night before and I realized I was in tonight for the long haul. He noticed Hope was drinking Sprite and quickly dispensed that drink informing her how bad sodas were for your health.

He replaced it with a spiced spirit of her choice, putting her right back up on the horse. As Sunday morning (12 am) arrived, I took Hope back to the room, grabbed my hounds-tooth fedora and headed back to the bar. It was truly a sight. I couldn't help but think of the wooden block game Jenga. I think if you would have pulled Kathy Thompson out of the middle the rest would have came falling down to the ground. I made it. I had survived to the end of the night. In all it was a great weekend among friends and everything was enjoyed. At least now I have an excuse to practice conditioning myself for the next SOS outing.

Personal Messages

To Susan Dahl

Here's to a happy birthday,
A day full of laughter & sun!
Here's to a year that is healthy!
Here's to a year full of fun!

You are a great friend and neighbor!
Love, Kathy Strantz

Having Fun With Twisters

By Scott Fletcher

We had a great time at Mid-Winter hanging out with fellow TSC members. Same old stuff... party till 3:00 or 4:00 AM. Go to bed. Wake up late. Get ready to do it all again. I really need to slow down a little, but it's hard when you get around Bob, Cindy, Dustin, Stephanie, Barry, Hope, Kathy, George, Dale, Vicki, Mike and Peggy, All are crazy except maybe Peggy and Hope. The rest don't know when to call it a night.

We had a great time at the Valentine's Day party and are looking forward to regular Friday nights at the Bowling Alley. We are looking forward to SOS, too. We need to get all the members down there. Then we will have a big blowout. We'll see you there.

Superbowl Party

By Nancy Massengill

Hats off to Kathy Thompson for inviting us into her home for the TSC Superbowl Party. Her home is beautiful. We had so many great things to eat and drink and great fellowship.

Just in case you were there and wanted the recipe, or if you missed the party and need a new drink to try, here's the recipe for "Sex in the Driveway".

2 oz. [Vodka](#)

1 oz. [Blue Curacao](#)

1 oz. [Peach Schnapps](#)

4 oz. Sprite

Lemon and/or lime slices (squeeze juice from slice in drink and add to drink for garnish)

Simple, quick, and tasty... it's Sex In The Driveway. Bottoms up!

Valentines Day Party

By Peggy Cavin

Red hearts, Valentine candy and roses are what come to mind when I think of Valentines Day. But this year I will add to that a fun night of dancing with friends up until the wee hours of the morning! Well, we danced till midnight. Then ten of us bowled and then went to breakfast! We should call ourselves the TSC Fun Bunch "Hang Tens"! It was 3:30 AM when we said our last goodbyes with hugs and to "be careful" to our friends.

We had a great turnout of people dancing to the music of Roger Holcomb. Roger always does a fantastic job when he plays for us. The floor stayed full all night. There were pink & white balloons tied to the chairs and a special Valentines Day menu put together for us to enjoy. (The food is good no matter what you choose.) Each lady was presented a beautiful red and white rose.

A few men came by to ask if they could have one for their lady, too! The "Singles Mingle" table was an awesome addition to the night. The high top tables were right in the middle of everything and close to the dance floor.

There were club members, our instructors Ashley and Tobitha, some of our new students and shaggers from other shag clubs that came out to join us. You didn't have to be tied to anything or anyone to have fun that night. If you weren't there you missed out on a fun evening.

After dancing, we had two bowling teams that tried to outdo each other. Ken and Marylee just happened to have their own bowling ball and shoes in the car. They came prepared. The deal was supposed to be that whoever had the lowest score had to buy shooters. But I think everyone just started buying them. Hope Wray, Cathy Fletcher, and I were the cheering section, but we were included in the shooter celebrations!

Scott got serious with his bowling when he rolled up his britches and stepped up to the lane. It was totally hilarious. Did I mention they had the fluorescent lights on? We all had a blast and bowled for quite a while. As Bob Rea always says, you don't have to go home till they turn on the lights. Well, the lights came on Bob! And we did have to go home. Well, maybe not home...

Breakfast at Denny's was just as much fun! The stories that were told at the table are ones that can't be told in public. Of course, Scott "stirred the pot" several times that night. And, we didn't get out of Denny's without another round of laughter started by Kathy Thompson laughing at the guy in the red pants! You'll just have to ask her about that. I'm not telling. All I can say is that there hasn't been a Fun Bunch late night like this in quite some time.

Nobody has as much fun as our club! Those that didn't hang around after Roger stopped playing those great tunes missed out on a lot more fun and festivities. Don't miss your next opportunity.

You can always sleep late on Saturday morning!

Road Trips

By Marylee Kreamer

One of the things I've found to be the most fun since joining the shag world is traveling to parties with my Twisters friends. The most recent was the Rock Hill Area Shag Club Party a few weeks ago. About a dozen of us headed south.

As usual, there was the pre-party party at the hotel just to get primed. There was the post-party party into the wee hours at the hotel just so that what was in the coolers that we didn't know we couldn't take into the party didn't go to waste. And there was the party, party in between.

Rock Hill did such a nice job. The Bank of Oz performed and had the crowd on the dance floor all night. The spread of food was impressive. They showcased some amazing junior shaggers and had shaggers from every decade show off their moves during the intermission.

I watched their club members register folks, sell raffle tickets, put out food, introduce the entertainment, and so on. It brought back recent memories of working at Cyclone and that made me really appreciate all the work that Rock Hill's members were doing to make the night special for us, their guests. It was so nice to be there just for the fun with my best buddies, having no responsibility for hosting.

There was the requisite ladies performance at our table singing into beer bottle microphones led, as always, by Francis and Cathy. Wilma was "lost" for about an hour. We still don't know where she snuck off to or why. And Ken kept the shots coming.

I get the award for evasive driving as Bob Rea never tracked us back to the hotel. George and Kathy... Best Slow Dancers.

I can't wait for next year! I hope even more of you can make the trip with us then.

And there was New Year's Eve. The Catalinas were playing in Statesville. A few superlatives go out for that night also.

- Nancy– Best Behaved
- Scott – Best Dressed
- Wilma and Tommy – Best Restaurant Choice (Who knew Statesville offered such fine dining?)
- Walter – Best Looking in Glitter

It was fun! Richard and Diane -- Look for us there again next year!

Keepers Of The Dance Contest

By Peggy Cavin

Mike and I attended the Keepers of the Dance Contest at Harold's on February 8th. It was our first time at this contest. Friday night, we got there at 6:30 PM and already people were getting their seats for the 8 o'clock contest. The club filled up fast with a large crowd. We moved three times looking for that spot where we could see all the dancers well. Finally, we settled into our seats and had a birds-eye view of the dancers. All of the dancing was outstanding. Some of the dance moves by the contestants were unbelievable.

A little history of the Keepers:

The Shaggers Hall Of Fame started The Keepers Of The Dance in 1998 to honor former junior shaggers who continued to participate in our dance, music, and lifestyle after their junior years and have been instrumental in "keeping" the dance and music alive.

The first Hall of Fame Keepers of the Dance contest was held at Fat Harold's in 2010. There are three divisions for the contest; Juniors (under 21), Seniors (45 up) and Open (21 up). The top 8 qualify in each division for the finals. There are two qualifying events before the final round held at Fat Harold's. There are three winners in each division that are presented prize monies. Over \$5,000 is given away to the contestants each year.

Each year during Spring Shag Attack weekend in March, the "Keepers" committee meets and select a male and female to be inducted in October along with the Hall Of Fame Inductions.

In February of the following year each new inductee's picture and biography are hung with the past inductees in "Keepers Corner" now located in Fat Harold's Beach Club.

Also, given away at the Keepers contest was the Dewey Kennedy Scholarship Award to a deserving Junior Shagger. The award is open to High School Seniors and College students. Each Junior shagger must write an essay on why they deserve this award.

This year, Geoff Burdick read the winning essay and presented this years' winner, Taylor Perkinson the scholarship at the contest. Taylor's essay was very moving. The new inductees for 2013 were announced; Christina Woodruff and Norman Aldredge.

Each Junior must include in the essay the following;

- A) Your long term life goals and how the college you have chosen will assist with those goals
- B) Why you think the shag dance & its music has spanned over three generations and what you are going to do to help keep the dance and the lifestyle alive for the next three generations
- C) Why we should pick you as this year's Dewey Kennedy scholarship recipient

The second qualifying and final round of the contest was held Friday and Saturday nights at Fat Harold's. Both nights, I was on the edge of my seat in awe of these talented dancers in all divisions.

Shagattack and The Hall of Fame both support the Keepers. When you go to Harold's please check out the "Keepers" wall in the club. These young adults keep our lifestyle alive.

We will be attending next year and do not want to miss another one. This is one of the best contest to attend during the year!

Thank You Big Daddy's

By Celia Hunter

The shag world has a great supporter and some of you may not even know it. Freddie Lancaster, owner of Big Daddy's Seafood Restaurant on Hwy 150 in Mooresville, has supporter our Fall Cyclone several years with donations for the purchase of our bottled water. He also supports 91.7 beach music station so that our music continues. Next time you dine at Big Daddy's (food and drinks are great) ask for Freddie and let him know you are part of TSC, and tell him how much we appreciate him. Without support from people like him, our event would be very difficult.

Mexican Chicken Lasagna

By Dean Melton

- 1/4 c chopped cilantro leaves (I omit, because I don't like cilantro)
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 2 c shredded cheese (I use Colby jack and cheddar)
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1 can (28 oz) enchilada sauce (I use salsa – 22 oz bottle mixed with 1/2 c water – I like the chunkiness of the salsa better than the enchilada sauce)
- 12 tortillas (I use flour tortillas)
- 3 c diced or shredded cooked chicken (I use rotisserie or canned)

Place cream cheese in a bowl and microwave for 30-45 seconds until very soft. Add cilantro and 1 ½ cups of cheese. Mix well.

Place enchilada sauce or salsa in a bowl.

To assemble, spread 2/3 cup of sauce in bottom of dish, dip tortillas in sauce and arrange over sauce in dish, scoop half of the cream cheese mixture over tortillas and spread, top with 1/2 chicken and 1/2 the onion, repeat layers, pour remaining sauce over top with remaining 1/2 cup cheese.

Cover and microwave on high for 12 -15 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes, cut into squares and serve.

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